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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1310

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Ambulance
5 Payment Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF INCREASED MEDICARE PAYMENTS**

7 **FOR GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

8 Section 1834(l)(13) of the Social Security Act (42

9 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), in the heading, by
2 striking “IN GENERAL” and inserting “FOR THE
3 SECOND HALF OF 2004 AND FOR 2005 AND 2006”;

4 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
5 paragraph (C);

6 (3) by inserting the following after subpara-
7 graph (A):

8 “(B) FOR 2008 AND 2009.—After com-
9 puting the rates with respect to ground ambu-
10 lance services under the other applicable provi-
11 sions of this subsection, in the case of such
12 services furnished on or after January 1, 2008,
13 and before January 1, 2010, the fee schedule
14 established under this section shall provide that
15 the rate for the service otherwise established,
16 after application of any increase under para-
17 graphs (11) and (12), shall be increased by 5
18 percent.”; and

19 (4) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by
20 paragraph (2)—

21 (A) in the heading, by striking “APPLICA-
22 TION OF INCREASED PAYMENTS AFTER 2006”
23 and inserting “NO EFFECT ON SUBSEQUENT
24 PERIODS”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new
2 sentence: "The increased payments under sub-
3 paragraph (B) shall not be taken into account
4 in calculating payments for services furnished
5 after the period specified in such subpara-
6 graph."

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